

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2583 - SB 2550

February 19, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a 12-member advisory task force of farmers and foresters to lead a strategic planning process and resulting implementation plan to position this state as a leading hub for agtech and value-added agriculture. The task force will be attached to the Department of Agriculture (DOA) for administrative purposes.

Authorizes the task force to call on appropriate state agencies for reasonable assistance. Limits the number of meetings of the task force to three scheduled meetings. Requires the task force to hold public meetings and utilize technological means such as webcasts, to gather feedback on its recommendations. Requires the task force to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly no later than April 1, 2021. Members of the task force serve without compensation.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$4,000/FY20-21

Assumptions:

- It is assumed that there will be three meetings of the task force, one to be held in each of the three great divisions of the state.
- Meetings will be held at public venues that are estimated to be donated to the purpose of the task force.
- No legislative members will serve on the task force.
- Members of the task force will not receive compensation; however, it is assumed that all members will be reimbursed for travel expenses. Such reimbursement will equal \$0.47 per mile roundtrip; the average miles traveled per member is estimate to be 234 miles roundtrip.
- The total increase in state expenditures in FY20-21 is estimated to be \$3,959 [(12 members x \$0.47 per mile x 234 miles) x 3 meetings].
- Any increase in state expenditures for DOA associated with administration of the task force is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The script is cursive and fluid.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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